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SUBJECT: SOVIET CLASSIFIED PRESS SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 5.

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1. SUMMARY:

--SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOW REPORTED FULLY ON THE
CABINET-LEVEL CHANGES IN WASHINGTON, HIGHLIGHTING
THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON CONTINUITY AND ON
RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION (SEPTEL);

-- ARAFAT'S VIEWS ON SINAI 11 ARE PUBLICIZED IN A
REPLAY OF A U.S. PRESS INTERVIEW;

-- A PRAVDA COMMENTARY DISCUSSES THE KOREA RESOLUTIONS
AT THE UN, THEN BERATES PEKING FOR QUESTIONING
MOSCOW'S "PRINCIPLED POLICY";

--ON SPAIN, THE SITUATION IS REPORTED TO BE TENSE,
BUT LEFT AND LIBERALPOLITICAL COOPERATION IS
DESCRIBED HOPEFULLY;

--THE HALF-COUP IN BANGLADESH IS REPORTED, STILL
BASED ON FOREIGN SOURCES;

--THE MEDIA ARE BUILDING UP TOWARD THE NOVEMBER 7
NATIONAL DAY AND TOWARD THE PARTY CONGRESS IN
FEBRUARY. ONE COMMENTARY IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA STRESSED THE GROWTH OF
PARTYS PRIMACY IN THE ARMED FORCES.

--A PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON ANGOLA HINTS THAT MOSCOW
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MAY RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT AFTER
INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 11 (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY

2. U.S. REPORTING ON THE CHANGES IN WASHINGTON, SOVIET
MEDIA HIGHLIGHT THE PRESIDENT'S EMPHASIS ON CONTINUITY
IN FOREIGN POLICY AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CONTINUING
"DIMINANT ROLE," AND THEY PARAPHRASE THE PRESIDENT'S
WORDS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE AND OF EFFORTS

TO REACH A NEW SALT ACCORD WITH THE SOVIET UNION (SEPTTEL).

3. MIDDLE EAST. LITGAZ HAS AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (OCTOBER 13) INTERVIEW WITH ARAFAT. HIGHLIGHTED ARE ARAFAT'S OBJECTIONS TO THE SINAI 11 ACCORD AND HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION REMAINS THE CENTRAL ISSUE ON THE OVERALL PROBLEM. AN INTERESTING DELETION IS ARAFAT'S STATEMENT THAT "OUR SOVIET FRIENDS SUPPORT US ON ALL LEVELS, AND WE APPRECIATE THIS GREATLY."

4. KOREA-UN-PRC. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY DISCUSSED THE TWO KOREA RESOLUTION BEFORE THE UN, POINTING OUT THAT THE U.S. - SPONSORED ITEM DOES NOT MENTION ELIMINATING "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE KOREAN PEOPLES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE COMMENTARY THEN ATTACKS "MAOIST REPRESENTATIVES" AT THE UN FOR DISTRIBUTING AN NCNA ARTICLE WHICH REPORTEDLY QUESTIONS MOSCOW'S "CONSISTENT AND PRINCIPLED POLICY" OF SUPPORTING PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. THIS POLICY, PRAVDA CONCLUDES, SERVES THE INTEREST OF THE KOREAN AND OTHER ASIAN PEOPLES TOWARD THE GOAL OF DETENTE IN ASIA.

COMMENT: AS USUAL IN SUCH ITEMS, THE COMMENTARY DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE SPECIFICS OF THE CHINESE ATTACK AND CLOAKS ITS REBUTTAL IN TERMS OF PEACE PRINCIPLES.)

5. SPAIN. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE SITUATION REMAINS TENSE WITH ARRESTS INCREASING AND CENSORSHIP TIGHTENED. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, HOWEVER, IT CITES A "HUMANITE" ARTICLE THAT THE TWO ANTI-FASCIST GROUPS COULD WORK TOGETHER, AND SEEK TO COOPERATE WITH ELEMENTS OF THE ARMY. DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN REQUIRES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNISTS, IZVESTIYA CONCLUDES.
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6. BANGLADESH. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS REPORTS ON THE NOVEMBER 3 EVENTS IN BANGLADESH WHICH SOURCE AP AND UNITED NEWS OF INDIA. THESE ITEMS NOTE THE EXPULSION OF THE OFFICERS WHO CARRIED OUT THE AUGUST 15 COUP AND KILLED MUJIB AND HIS FAMILY. TASS CITES AP SPECULATION THAT REAL POWER IN DACCA HAS PASSED TO GENERAL MUSHARRAF. (COMMENT: NONE OF THESE ITEMS OFFER COMMENTARY ON THE EVENTS, BUT THE REFERENCE TO THE EXPULSION OF MUJIB'S MURDERERS WILL CLEARLY BE READ HERE AS A FAVORABLE SIGN. SOVIET COMMENTARY SINCE AUGUST 15 HAD BEEN VERY NEGATIVE ON THE KILLING OF MUJIB AND HAS REMAINED CAUTIOUS ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT.)

7. GROWTH OF PARTY ROLE IN THE MILITARY. THE LEADER

IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS THAT GROWING SCALE OF PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED DURING THE BUILDING OF COMMUNISM MAKES
GROWTH IN THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY AN OBJECTIVE LAW, AND THAT
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF
THE MULTIFACETED ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTY IS DIRECTION
OF THE ARMED FORCES. (COMMENT: THE LEADER IMPLICITLY
PLAYS THE LINE NOW FOUND IN THE MILITARY JOURNALS, ALL
OF WHICH STRESS THAT THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF THE
FOREIGN POLICY TASKS WHICH THE ARMED FORCES ARE CALLED
UPON TO PERFORM MAKES NECESSARY A GROWING ROLE FOR
THE PARTY IN DIRECTING THEIR AFFAIRS.
END COMMENT)

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